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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7364

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, RP

SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE TEXTILE ISSUES

REF: (A) STATE 170931, (B) MANILA 9047,  
(C) MANILA 5290, (D) STATE 8615

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S THOROUGH RESPONSE TO  
REFTEL B AND ITS FORTHCOMING PROPOSAL WITH RESPECT CATEGORY  
43/62.

2. IN ORDER THAT PHILIPPINE/U.S. TEXTILE RELATIONS NEED NOT  
BE BURDENED BY MISAPPREHENSION REGARDING PHILIPPINE ACTIONS,  
EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CORRECT IMPRESSION CONVEYED FYI IN  
PARA 6 OF REFTEL A THAT GOP HAS SOUGHT TO REOPEN WITH EMBASSY  
ISSUES BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PUT TO REST DURING FACE-TO-FACE  
DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.

3. REFTEL C, WHICH IS APPARENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPRESSION  
THAT GOP HAS SOUGHT TO REOPEN ISSUES WITH EMBASSY, REPORTED  
ON LUNCHEON WITH PIO DO RODA WHICH WAS ARRANGED AT EMBASSY  
INITIATIVE IN ORDER TO CLARIFY OUTCOME OF WASHINGTON DIS-  
CUSSIONS. LUNCHEON WAS PRECEDED BY RECEIPT REFTEL D,  
WHICH EXPRESSED WASHINGTON PUZZLEMENT AT GOP DECISION  
NOT TO NEGOTIATE WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

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4. PIO DO RODA DID NOT DURING LUNCHEON, NOR WITH EXCEP-

TION OF CATEGORY 43/62 HAS HE SINCE, MADE ANY REQUEST OF EMBASSY, NOR DID HE ADVANCE "GAMBIT" OF REQUESTING USG "BEST OFFER" IN CATEGORY 224 (BASKET) NT. HE, IN FACT, TOOK PAINS TO EMPHASIZE THAT GOP HAD CONSIDERED ITSELF BOUND BY TEXTILE AGREEMENT AND ITS PLEDGE BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON THAT IT WOULD NOT SEEK TO RENEGOTIATE IT (I.E. BARGAIN). EMBASSY ACCEPTED HIM AT HIS WORD AND SOUGHT TO SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON PROCEED FROM THAT STARTING POINT.

5. EMBASSY REGRETS ANY LACK OF CLARITY IN REFTEL C. IT PERHAPS OUGHT ALSO TO BE OBSERVED THAT ON BASIS OF U.S. WILLINGNESS EXPRESSED REFTEL A TO CONSIDER NEW PROPOSALS, PIO DE RODA PRESUMABLY WILL HAVE CONCLUDED THAT TO NEGOTIATE IN CATEGORIES 221 AND 224 WOULD NOT BE TAKEN BY U.S. AS EVIDENCE OF BAD FAITH. WHILE EMBASSY HAS NO INDICATION THAT PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE, EMBASSY TRUSTS THAT IF THEY ARE, THEY WILL NOT BE TAKEN AMISS.  
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